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Enclosed for filing in the above-identified patent application, please find the following documents:

1. Response to Office Action mailed June 18, 2003;
2. Petition for Two Months' Extension of Time;
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The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment in the total fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 25436/1232.
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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 18, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

A one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment.

Amendments to the Claims are shown in the "Listing of the Claims" which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.